Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ida Nitschke was born on July 24, 1909, grew up on a farm, attended country school, and at the same time helped with farm chores; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Ida married Enoch Gehring on November 15, 1924, and to this union four children were born: Eloise, Ivan, Wilmer, and Marion, and the couples' lives were further blessed by 12 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Ida and Enoch farmed northeast of Ashley, North Dakota, and following Enoch's death, Ida moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota, in the fall of 1958; and,

Whereas, Ida worked at Dan's Café and as a baker for many years at Northern State College prior to retirement, and then provided child care off and on; and,

Whereas, Ida is a member of Zion Lutheran Church and Women of the Moose, and always enjoyed baking, crocheting, playing cards and bingo, and time with family; and,

Whereas, Ida will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 24, 2009, as

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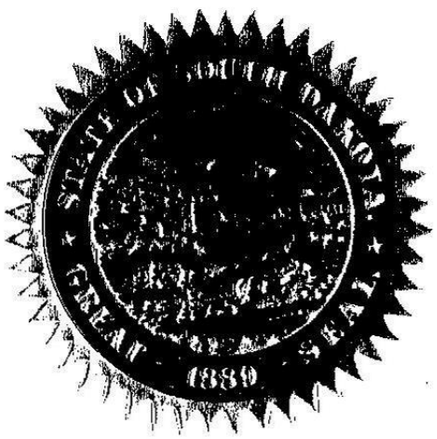
in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State